President's Annual Report

1999-2000

Copiah-Lincoln
Community College
...the place to be

Our Mission

Copiah-Lincoln Community College is a public comprehensive community college serving a seven county district as established by the Mississippi Legislature. The college's mission is to provide educational programs, economic development services, and cultural and recreational opportunities to constituents from the college service area and beyond. Quality programs and services are offered in a a safe environment consistent with federal, state and local program operational standards and guidelines.

Our Vision

Copiah-Lincoln Community College's vision is to be a unified institution and a leader in education providing comprehensive, quality instruction by using cutting-edge technology in a nurturing environment.

Our vision will be realized by offering state-of-the-art programs and services in partnership with business and industry.

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A Message from the President

The past year at Copiah-Lincoln Community College has been an exciting and productive one. I am pleased to present this annual report of the college on behalf of the entire Co-Lin family.

Early in the fall of 1999 the college began a planning process, which has continued through the year, providing an opportunity for every member of the Co-Lin family to voice any concerns and to make suggestions for improvements. I appreciate the leadership provided by Mrs. Jane Hulon, Director of Planning and Research, in this year long planning process. I also applaud the active participation by members of the Co-Lin family. The process will culminate with recommendations for future growth and development of the college to the Board of Trustees in August, 2000.

Many of the outstanding accomplishments of the students, faculty and staff are featured in this publication. As we begin the new millennium, we are excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I hope you enjoy this report of the past year, but even more, I hope you share my excitement for a bright future for Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Howell C. Garner

Howell, C. Garner, President

"As we begin the new millennium, we are excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead."

Dr. Garner visited with business and industry leaders at the ninth annual Job Fair.

The Year in Review...

July 1999

Marilyn Brown was named Director of the Billy B. Thames Conference Center.

The Vocational-Technical Division received funding approval for the state's only Pulp, Paper, and Chemical Technology Program.

August 1999

Dr. Roy W. Daughdrill, Mathematics and Computer Science Instructor, was named Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar.

A wooden cross that was designed and made by Co-Lin alumnus **Wayne Page** ('78) was hung above the pulpit in the **Fred and Jewett Taylor Chapel**. The cross is approximately 6 feet tall and four feet wide and is made out of red oak.

Co-Lin was the 1999 recipient of the prestigious **Halbrook Award for Academic Achievement Among Athletes**.

September 1999

The Mississippi Education Association named Network Support Technology Instructor **Rhonda Posey** Outstanding Business Educator of the Year.

Co-Lin hosted the 10th Anniversary of the Lamplighter Conference "Celebrating A Decade of Teaching Excellence."

Becky Nevill, Hospitality/Tourism Management Technology Instructor Natchez campus, was selected to the Delta Epsilon Chi Advisor Hall of Fame.

Natchez campus instructors, **Janice Prister Byrne** and **LaWanda Doss**, were selected to Who's Who Among Teachers.

October 1999

The late **Mr. and Mrs. William Elbert Allen** of Wesson were inducted into the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation Hall of Fame.

Shirley Knapp, Tech-Prep Coordinator, was named Outstanding Staff Member; **Buddy Blailock**, Industrial/Manufacturing Technology Program Coordinator, was named Outstanding Instructor in the Vocational-Technical Division; and **Alicia Reynolds**, Mathematics Instructor, was named Outstanding Instructor in the Academic Division. All three were honored at the annual alumni luncheon held during Homecoming.
Dr. Dianne Smith Watson of Brookhaven and **Burlian O. Walker** of Hattiesburg were honored as Alumni of the Year.

November 1999

The **Amsterdam Guitar Trio** performed as part of Co-Lin's Community Arts Series.

The Billy B. Thames Conference Center hosted its first major event, the **Brookhaven-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**.

Instructors selected for the National Institute for Supervision and Organization Development were **Greg Russell**, **Robin Sroufe**, and **Jackie Lewis** from the Wesson Campus and **Jo Hinton** and **Barbara Haigh** from the Natchez Campus.

December 1999

Johnny Williams, computer science/mathematics instructor and assistant softball coach, received the Outstanding Educator Award from the Wesson Chamber of Commerce.

Co-Lin's fall enrollment recorded a 6.8% increase.

January 2000

Community Arts Series presented the Puppet Arts Theatre of Jackson's production of **"The Fisherman and His Wife."**

Women's basketball coach and athletic director **Gwyn Young** recorded his 500th career coaching victory.

Co-Lin's Board of Trustees welcomed two new members from Lincoln County, **Perry Miller**, the new Lincoln County Superintendent of Education, and **Thomas Sasser**, representative from Lincoln County.

Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Ted Jackson was the keynote speaker at the third annual Media/Journalism Symposium for Secondary Students.

The Bluz Boys performed during Spring Fling Week.

Natchez instructor Linda Royals Flynn led a contingent to Spain and Morocco.

The second annual Renaissance Fair was held on the Natchez Campus

Co-Lin hosted the 10th Anniversary Lamplighter Conference.

The Co-Lin Foundation hosted the seventh annual Golf Tournament.

February 2000

Dr. Phyllis Lanier, chairperson of the science division, and **Christopher Robinson**, a Lincoln County sophomore chemical engineering major, were honored by the Mississippi Legislature as the HEADWAE instructor and student.

English instructor **Evelyn Sutton** of the Wesson campus and **Carolyn Vance Smith**, co-chair of the Natchez Literary Celebration, were selected to the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Co-Lin's Wesson Campus was named the statewide winner by **Mississippi Blood Services** for Outstanding Contributions to the Volunteer Program.

Community Arts Series presented performances by pianist **Karen Laubengayer** and the **Promenade Baroque Ensemble**.

The **Billy B. Thames Conference Center** was officially dedicated.

Natchez Campus participated in **National Groundhog Job Shadow Day**, hosting eight ninth-graders.

Wesson/Natchez co-sponsored the **Third Annual Media/Journalism Symposium for Secondary Schools**, drawing record attendance. Also, the first competition was launched among area high school newspapers.

Co-Lin's music department presented a **Madrigal Feast Dinner Theatre** featuring the Ambassadors and the Concert Choir.

March 2000

Co-Lin's Mathematics Division sponsored the annual Junior High Math Competition.

The Community Arts Series presented performances by soprano **Shawn Ballentine, John Maxwell's "Oh Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?"** and a graphic design exhibit by **Josh Wright**.

The annual **High School Scholars Bowl** was held at The Thames Center.

Brenda Brown, director of the Senior AIDES Program, received a certificate of excellence at a National Conference.

Durr Walker, Chairman of the Humanities Division, led the 22nd annual trip to England.

Natchez Campus Spanish Instructor **Linda Royals Flynn** led a contingent to Spain and Morocco.

April 2000

The Community Arts Series presented a performance by **The Bluz Boys Band** during annual **Spring Fling Week** festivities on the Wesson Campus.

Natchez Campus had its second annual **Renaissance Fair**.

The Division of Community Services and the Vocational-Technical Division sponsored the **Ninth Annual Job Fair and Industry Appreciation Day**.

The Science Division sponsored the 15th annual **High School Science Quest**.

Dr. Catherine Perry Cotten was inducted into Co-Lin's Literary Hall of Fame at the 22nd annual Humanities Banquet.

The Co-Lin Foundation awarded 91 endowed scholarships to students at annual **Awards Day** ceremonies.

May 2000

The Natchez Campus co-sponsored **Teacher Appreciation Day** for local schoolteachers with approximately 200 in attendance.

President's Cabinet Retreat was held at The Thames Center.

The Co-Lin Foundation held the annual **Memorial Day** service on the Wesson Campus.

June 2000

The **Natchez Literary Celebration** marked the 11th year and made plans to expand concept to include a film festival. Also, Alcorn State University joined NLC as the fourth co-sponsor.

Seventh annual **Co-Lin Foundation Golf Tournament** was held at Wolf Hollow Golf Course.

Student Achievements

Natchez Campus

Phi Theta Kappa won the Second Star and the president was awarded Golden Key Award.

Phi Beta Lambda won first place in Word Processing in state competition.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) won first place in Marketing Management and Quiz Bowl state competition.

The campus newspaper, ***N-Sights***, earned top honors in two state competitions.

National Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) placed second for Outstanding Chapter in state competition.

Hall of Fame inductees were **Angelia McKey, Toni Martin** and **Tammy Latiolais**.

Natchez Film Club earned a $2,000 federal grant for digital video equipment.

John Wesley Smith of Harrisonburg, LA and **Sommer Welsh** of Ferriday, LA were elected Mr. and Miss Co-Lin on the Natchez Campus.

Natchez Campus Scholars Bowl team: **Terry Bullen, Angelia McKey, Jay Smith and Tim Swaggart** captured fifth place at the 15th annual Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl held on the campus of the University of Mississippi.

Toni Martin and **Angelia McKey** were named Honorable Mention to the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team.

Elected as Natchez Campus Favorites were **Tammy Latiolais, Kristin Roberts, Meg Harper, Dorothy Hunt, Cory Spring, Chris Brown, Nikki Clark, Dee Dee Dunmore** and **Ashley Shelton.**

Wesson Campus

Nu Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda captured nine awards at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago.

The women's tennis team was named the **NJCAA Academic Team of the Year** with a 3.65 team grade point average. The Wolfpack baseball team ranked 6th with a 3.07 team grade point average.

Blake Case of Brookhaven was named NJCAA Academic All-American in basketball.

One hundred percent of the Associate Degree Nursing students passed the N-CLEX test.

Forty-eight sophomores were selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Christopher Robinson of Brookhaven and **Jennie Turner** of Monticello were elected Mr. and Miss Co-Lin on the Wesson Campus.

Elected as Campus Favorites were **William Webb** and **Zach Dear**, both of Hazlehurst; **Dorrell Robinson** and **Sara Joy**, both of Natchez; **Boone Daughdrill** of New Hebron; **Bonita Rogers** of Pinola; **Candace Nelson** of Monticello; **Kyle Britt** of Loyd Star; **Shelon Drummond** of Oakvale; and **Sherry and Sheree Addison**, both of Bogue Chitto.

Rebecca Moulder of Yazoo City was selected Most Beautiful at the annual Trillium Beauty Pageant. Selected as beauties were **Melissa Buckley** of Pinola, **Mary Elizabeth Garner** of Magee, **Carrie Smith** of Brookhaven, and **Tammy Case** of Loyd Star.

The **Sojourners, Concert Choir, and Ambassadors** performed during "Magical Music Days" at Walt Disney

N-Sights, the Natchez campus newspaper, earned top honors in two state competitions.

The Sojourners performed at "Magical Music Days" at Walt Disney World.

Deshea Welch was crowned 1999 Homecoming Queen.

Jennie Turner was selected to the First Team USA All-Academic Team. Christopher Robinson was selected Honorable Mention.

Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was named Most Outstanding Chapter in the Mississippi/Louisiana region.

Rebecca Moulder of Yazoo City was crowned Most Beautiful.

World in Orlando.

Nu Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda captured 23 awards, including six first places, at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference.

Jennie Turner of Monticello was named to the Phi Theta Kappa First Team USA All-Academic Team. **Christopher Robinson** of Brookhaven was named as Honorable Mention on the team.

Hall of Fame inductees were **Kyle Britt** of Loyd Star, **Jennie Turner** of Monticello, **Allison Dugas** and **Clay Posey**, both of Wesson, **Christopher Robinson** of Brookhaven, and **Bonita Rogers** of Pinola.

Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was named "Most Outstanding Chapter" in the Mississippi-Louisiana region. They were also named a five-star chapter. Chapter president **Clay Posey** was named to the Order of the Golden Key.

Scholars Bowl team: **Stephen King** of Wesson; **Duane Cantrell, Clay Posey**, and **Jason Smith,** all of Brookhaven (Loyd Star) captured third place at the 15th annual Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl held on the campus of the University of Mississippi.

Deshea Welch of Magee was elected Homecoming Queen. Sophomore maids were **Shelon Drummond** of Oakvale, **Allison Dugas** of Wesson, **Bonita Rogers** of Pinola, **Katrina Morace** of Vidalia, LA, and **Sommer Welsh** of Natchez. Freshman maids included **Lisa Collins** of Gloster, **Cassy Smith** of Natchez, **Kendra White** of Mendenhall, **Sharonda Rogers** of Crosby, and **Nikki Clark** of Las Vegas.

William Webb of Hazlehurst was one of 20 students selected to attend the inaugural session of the **Lott Leadership Institute** at the University of Mississippi.

The **Colettes**, *Mississippi's Original Dancing Coeds*, captured first place in the Dance Team Competition at the Mississippi Delta Jazz Classic. **Melissa Coone** of Loyd Star was selected an Outstanding Dancer.

Co-Lin's literary magazine, **"bits & pieces: athanasia"** fall 1999 vol. XX captured first place at the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association and Southern Literary Festival competitions. **Microcosm 1999** vol. XXVI won second place in professionally printed journals. **Arie Wilson** of Meadville and **Daniel Holloway** of Silver Creek won first place in drama; Wilson won second place for short story; Holloway won third place for short story and honorable mention for general essay; **Misti Thornhill** of Brookhaven won honorable mention for both general essay and short story.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) captured one first place, five second places and two third place awards at state competition. **Edward May** of Union Church won first place in technical drafting. Second place winners were **Clayton Jackson** of Wesson, **Charlie Alford** of Brookhaven, **Amanda Wheat** of Summit, **Matt Rayburn** of Jayess, **Jamie McInnis** of Magee, **Hugh Engles** and **Ben Holden**, both of Brookhaven, **Toni Word** of Monticello, and **Sherry Spraggins** of Florence.

Associate Degree Nursing student **Judy Pyeatt** of Bogue Chitto received the **Bobbie Anderson Scholarship** awarded by the Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nursing.

Justin Smith of Brookhaven won first place in drawing at the Mississippi Community and Junior College Art Competition and Exhibition. **Kendricks Sutton** of Monticello won second place in painting and **Michele Fuller** of Brookhaven won third place in ceramics.

Vocational-Technical Education

The state's only **Pulp, Paper and Chemical Technology Program** was implemented at Co-Lin in the fall of 1999. A new Pulp and Paper laboratory was constructed and a classroom renovated for the program. The program's inaugural year saw 13 students enrolled.

Over $230,000 of equipment was purchased for the division in 1999-2000. Major purchases included equipment for two new programs, **Pulp, Paper and Chemical Technology** and the **Licensed Practical Nursing** at the Simpson County Facility. Other major equipment purchases were made in Diesel Equipment Technology and the Computer Networking Program. Additional microcomputers were added in Drafting and Design; LPN in Natchez; Pulp, Paper and Chemical Technology; LPN in Simpson County; Medical Radiologic Technology; Medical Laboratory Technology; and Instrumentation Technology on the Natchez Campus.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Technology Partnership

Copiah-Lincoln Community College continued participation in the NSF funded **Technology Partnership Project** along with Jones County Junior College, Itawamba Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Two Co-Lin instructors received additional network training in Cisco Systems. The Cisco Networking curriculum was integrated into the Networking program during the 1999-2000 school year. Co-Lin will continue its association with Jones and the National Science Foundation in 2000-2001. Instructors will receive additional training through the Cisco Networking Academy in the summer of 2000.

Awards

The Business and Office Technology/Wesson program received the **Forum Award for Excellence 2000** awarded by the Public Education Forum of Mississippi and the **Outstanding Postsecondary Program of the Year 1999** awarded by the Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Education.

Job Fair/Industry Appreciation Day

The ninth annual **Job Fair/Industry Appreciation Day** was held on the Wesson Campus with a record setting 50 businesses and industries participating.

Over 350 attended the luncheon sponsored by Georgia-Pacific's Monticello Mill. **Blake Wilson**, President of the Mississippi Economic Council, was the guest speaker.

The Natchez Campus held its second annual **Industry Appreciation Luncheon** with approximately 100 local business, government and community leaders attending.

Tech Prep Report

The **Co-Lin Tech Prep Consortium** hosted central and southern regional state Algebra I training in Wesson and chemistry training at the Simpson County Facility in Magee. Twelve technology training sessions involving 114 secondary and postsecondary educators were held on both campuses. Other sessions were held involving 229 teachers.

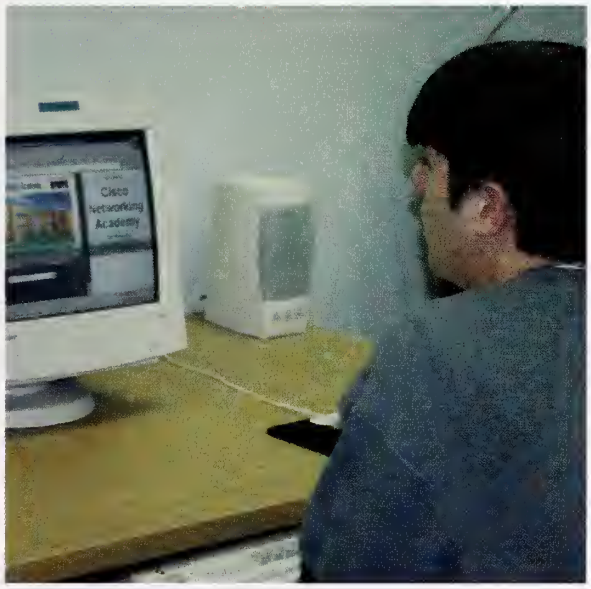
Counselors and career center technicians participated in workshops on career education, workplace ethics, ACT skills, WorkKeys, College Access Planning Program, and CX.Online. The highlight of the spring Counselor Retreat was a tour of WorldCom headquarters in Clinton.

Co-Lin's Tech Prep Coordinator conducted several professional development sessions in the district and participated in Lincoln County's

Transition Fair. Twenty-one educators participated in the summer 2000 internship program and were placed in various businesses and industries in the area.

Work-Based Learning

The Work-Based Learning Program continued to grow in its third year of operation. **Sixty-one students from 13 technical programs participated in work-site learning experiences.** The addition of students from two new programs - Pulp, Paper and Chemical Technology and Computer Network Support Technology - accounted for the increase in the number of students and programs involved.



In an effort to encourage the use of SCANS competencies in classroom instruction, the coordinator conducted monthly SCANS seminars for students and distributed SCANS newsletters to students and instructors.

Business/industry representatives also participated in the SCANS seminars through their presentations at student forums on topics such as Employer Expectations, Communication Skills, Financial Planning, Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills.

A highlight of the year was the **Back-to-School Day**, when former students were invited into classrooms to speak on the subject, "Things I Wish I Had Known." Former students representing 25 different businesses/industries participated in the event, which was held during National Career and Technical Education Week.

Natchez Campus

The Natchez Campus Vocational-Technical Division had a very successful year as 330 Natchez area residents attended special interest classes. Industrial Training accounted for another 1,326 trained to upgrade skills and to prepare for new jobs. The Job Training Partnership Act funded four programs: LPN, Welding, Certified Nurse Assistant and Commercial Truck Driving, with over 80 students trained in these programs during the year.

Seven graduates in Electronics/Instrumentation were given the opportunity to take **qualifying technician tests administered through Bell South.** The results of the five tests administered included two students passed all five tests, two students passed three of the tests, one student passed two of the tests, and one student passed one of the tests.

Renovation was completed adding another classroom/lab in the Electronics/Instrumentation Department. This expansion gives the opportunity to meet the educational needs of the increased enrollment in this department.

A **Child Development Technology program** was set up with evening classes on the Natchez campus to respond to the educational needs of Head Start in Natchez and surrounding counties in the college district. Thirty-nine (39) participants were enrolled.

The division worked with the Natchez Economic and Community Development Authority in planning and developing the **School-to-Careers initiative.** As a partner in this federally funded grant we are bridging the gap between our K-12 schools, postsecondary education, and job/career placement.

The Respiratory Care Technology program began two new initiatives this year. The **Rex Rowzee Award** was established to recognize the clinical site that demonstrated the most assistance to our students. This annual rotating award is based on students' recommendation. The **Mentor Preceptor Award** recognizes the individual who has served as the best mentor at a clinical site.

The division provided facilities for over 115 community and educational activities for both local and state agencies.

Athletic Achievements

The 1999-2000 year proved to be once again, an outstanding one for Co-Lin's student athletes.

Co-Lin was the 1999 recipient of the prestigious **Halbrook Award for Academic Achievement Among Athletes**. Established by State Representative **David Halbrook** in 1984, the Halbrook Award is awarded annually by the Mississippi Association of Colleges to the institution with the highest percentage of athletes who complete their college program.

Co-Lin's women's tennis, baseball, men's basketball, and women's basketball teams were all Nationally ranked during the 1999-2000 season.

Inducted into the **Athletic Hall of Fame** at this year's Homecoming ceremonies were **Iris Poole Eddy** of Melbourne, Florida; **Leslie Paul Henning** of Brookhaven; **Claude Edward Porter** and **Randolph Alexander Sandel**, both of Natchez.

1999 - 2000 Athletic Achievements

Football

Running back **Ernest Pitts** was named NJCAA First Team All-American in football and was the Most Valuable Back on the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College's All-Star Team.

Ernest Pitts and **Tommy Watson** were named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Football Team.

Ernest Pitts, Tommy Watson, and **Bobby Hunt** were MACJC First Team All-State in Football.

Stephen Murray, Travis Short, and **Lamareo Brown** played in the MACJC All-Star Football Game.

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball team participated in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

Brandon Dickerson was named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Basketball Team and the MACJC First Team All-State in Basketball.

Curtis Walker and **Elwood Brown** played in the MACJC All-Star Basketball Game.

Men's basketball coach **Dennis Sims** was named MACJC Coach of the Year.

Men's basketball team won second straight South Division Championship.

Women's Basketball

Victoria Mason was named NJCAA Second Team All-American in basketball.

Women's basketball team was the runner-up in the NJCAA Region 23 Basketball Tournament.

Victoria Mason and **Ann Webster** were named to NJCAA All-Region 23 Basketball Team and MACJC First Team All-State in Basketball.

Ann Webster, Chastidy Sandifer and **Victoria Mason** played in the MACJC All-Star Basketball Game. **Mason** was named the game's MVP.

Baseball

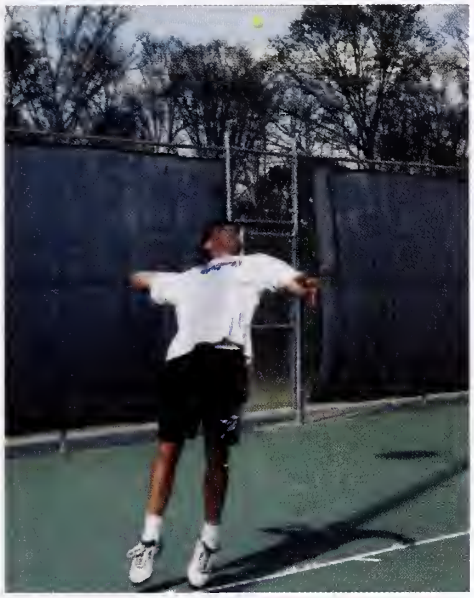
Baseball team finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II World Series.

Women's basketball team was runner-up in the NJCAA Region 23 tournament.

Women's tennis team was ranked 16th in the Nation.

The Wolfpack football team finished with a 5-5 record in 1999.

Baseball team captured fourth place in the NJCAA Division II World Series. They won the South Division, NJCAA Region 23, and NJCAA Central District Championship.



Men's tennis team finished fourth in the NJCAA Region 23 tournament.

Softball team placed second in the NJCAA National Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament.

Shortstop **Exavier "Nook" Logan** and outfielder **Edison Lee** named to World Series All-Tournament Team.

Exavier "Nook" Logan set the NJCAA Division II World Series record with seven stolen bases.

Exavier "Nook" Logan was the first Mississippian selected in the Major League Baseball draft, going in the third round to the Detroit Tigers.

Second baseman **Christopher Dunn** named NJCAA First Team Division II All-American.

Baseball coach **Keith Case** was named NJCAA Region 23 Coach of the Year.

Baseball team won NJCAA Region 23 Championship and the NJCAA Central District Championship.

Christopher Dunn, Daniel Mouton, and **Jacob Blakeney** were named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Baseball Team.

Lance Newman and **Exavier "Nook" Logan** were MACJC First Team All-State in Baseball. **Josh Garrett, Edison Lee, Doug Atkins** and **Josh McNulty** were MACJC Second Team All-State.

Baseball team won first-ever South Division Championship.

Softball

Softball team finished second in the NJCAA National Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament.

Tammy Case and **Kit Braisher** were named NJCAA First Team All-Americans in softball.

Softball team was runner-up in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

Jamie Errington was named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Softball Team.

Rusti Smith, Christi Wallace and **Sarah Reynolds** were named to the MACJC All-State Softball Team.

Softball team was runner-up in the South Division.

Tennis

Women's tennis team finished 16th in the NJCAA Division II National Tennis Tournament.

Women's tennis team finished second in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

Men's tennis team finished fourth in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

Golf

Wesley Rogers finished second and **Paxton Lee** finished 16th at NJCAA National Golf Tournament.

Wesley Rogers named First Team NJCAA Division III All-American, **Paxton Lee** named Honorable Mention.

Wesley Rogers finished second and **Edison Lee** finished third in the MACJC State Golf tournament.

Division of Community Services

The new Billy B. Thames Conference Center on Co-Lin's Wesson Campus serves as the new home for the Division of Community Services.

The Thames Center provides **state-of-the-art technology** and innovative job training and workshop opportunities for businesses, industries, and educational institutions, which helps accomplish the mission of the division.

The Thames Center features **Wolf Hall**, a large banquet hall, that will accommodate 450-500 individuals in a banquet setting and can be subdivided into three large meeting rooms for approximately 100 individuals in each room. The college's food service provider, **Valley Innovative Services**, operates the full service kitchen. They offer a wide variety of menu choices for banquets, meetings, etc. Accommodations include **two guest suites** suitable for small meetings for up to 12, with access to a large deck overlooking the 18-hole Championship **Wolf Hollow Golf Course.** In addition The Thames Center has four guest rooms for overnight accommodations.

The Thames Center has two additional training rooms, the Natchez Room and the Wesson Room. The Wesson Room is equipped with 25 state-of-the-art computers with technology capable of satellite downlinking, two-way videoconferencing, video projection, video production, and cable ready access.

Since the opening of the facility, The Thames Center has hosted 78 computer-related training classes or workshops, 16 banquets, 15 luncheons, and 68 other meetings/workshops.

During 1999-2000, both campuses hosted or co-sponsored numerous classes, workshops, and programs for students from all age groups and economic backgrounds.

The 1999-2000 year saw the second annual **Kids College** summer program on the Natchez campus with approximately 45-50 in attendance for the seven weeks of classes. The annual College Fair for high school students was held with record attendance.

Adult Education experienced the largest enrollment ever, serving 1,037 individuals. Forty-four of these were on-line instruction participants from other states and foreign countries.

The **Continuing Education** program offered 85 special interest classes from the summer of 1999 through the spring of 2000 with approximately 550 individuals participating.

The **Institute for Learning in Retirement** (ILR) had its third consecutive record enrollment with 278 members on both campuses. Members enjoyed luncheon lectures on such topics such as landscape design, literature, and politics; and over 25 special interest classes on topics such as computer training, financial planning, insurance, and southern culture.

Twelve one-day trips to destinations such as New Orleans, Jackson, Baton Rouge, and Biloxi were informative and relaxing. Overnight trips to Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Branson, Missouri; Mobile, Alabama; and Memphis, Tennessee were enjoyed by all who attended.

Co-Lin's **Senior AIDES** program saw 80 participants and served 62 host agencies. For the fourth consecutive year, the program met its unsubsidized placement goal of 25% of authorized enrollment.

The **Workforce Development Center** sponsored over 750 training classes for business, industries, and other organizations throughout the college district with approximately 10,000 participants in these training classes.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) had another record breaking enrollment year.

Mississippi Economic Council Executive Director Blake Wilson addressed over 350 at the Industry Appreciation Day Luncheon.

Employees of Georgia Gulf Corp., MagneTek and National Textile & Apparel participated in ISO 9000 Internal Quality Auditing training.

A member of Co-Lin's Senior AIDES program participates in CPR Training offered through the Division of Community Services.

The **Personal Development Specialist** conducted 94 workshops for over 1,600 individuals within the district. Of the 94 workshops, 44 were offered at local middle and high schools for approximately 1,000 students.

The **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**, located on the Natchez Campus, served a total of 144 one-time clients and 81 continuous clients during 1999-2000. The SBDC was instrumental in preparing loan packages in excess of 4.55 million dollars in loans for the creation or expansion of small businesses throughout the district with estimated sales of 15.7 million dollars for those businesses.

The Community Services Division and the Division of Vocational-Technology Instruction hosted the ninth annual Job Fair and Business and Industry Appreciation Day. A record number of 48 companies and organizations participated. Over 350 business, industry, and community officials attended the luncheon which featured Blake Wilson, Executive Director of the Mississippi Economic Council, as keynote speaker.

New employees of Gulf State Carbonates participate in Post-Hire Training in the Natchez Room at The Thames Center.

A member of Co-Lin's Senior AIDES program takes a computer course to sharpen skills.

Mission Statement

The Division of Community Services is a multi-departmental Division of the College created to promote relevant, excellent, and affordable programs and services for all individuals seeking improved quality of life through lifelong learning. The Division is responsible for providing educational and training programs, cultural and recreational opportunities, and economic development services to constituents from the College service area and beyond. The Division seeks to build bridges between the needs and desires of the local community and the educational and training resources of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Businesses served by the Workforce Development Center 1999-2000

Allied Enterprises
Bank of Brookhaven
Brushy Creek Head Start
City of Natchez
Copiah County Schools
Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Del-Jen, Inc.
Delphi Packard
Executive Essentials
Franklin County Volunteer Fire Department
Georgia Gulf Corporation
Georgia-Pacific Corporation (Monticello)
Gulf State Carbonates
H.B. Zachry (Natchez Users' Council)
Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital
Haven Hall Health Center
Hazelhurst City Schools
Hillcrest Health Center
International Paper Company
Jefferson/Franklin County Correctional Facility
Johns Manville
Kellwood Company
Keystone Seneca
King's Daughters Medical Center
Kuhlman Electric
Magee General Hospital
MagneTek-Gallman
May-Fab
McLane Southern
Millcreek Rehabilitation Center
Mississippi Employment Security Commission (Brookhaven)
Mississippi Employment Security Commission (Hazlehurst)
Mississippi Job Corps
Mississippi River Corporation
Monticello Early Education Center
Natchez Regional Medical Center
National Park Service - Natchez
National Textile & Apparel
New Zion Head Start
People's Bank of Simpson County
Pioneer Health Services
Senior AIDES Program
Signature Works
Specialty Minerals
Spectrum Controls
Tiny Footprints
Titan Tire International
Tyson Foods
Unlimited Contract Services
Wal-Mart Distribution Center

Construction & Renovation

Completion of the $2.3 million Billy B. Thames Conference Center was the highlight of the 1999-2000 year. Funded through bond money given by the state legislature, county funds from within the district, and a gift annuity from Fred and Jewett Taylor, the Thames Center has 19,000 square feet of office and meeting space.

Ten offices of the Division of Community Services are housed in the facility.

The Thames Center will be used primarily to host training conferences, meetings, seminars, and workshops for business and education entities.

The relocation of the Division of Community Services into The Thames Center left the second floor of the Ewing Administration Building with much needed office space. Renovation took place to provide three office suites for the Dean of Academic Instruction, the Executive Director of the Foundation and Alumni Affairs, and the Director of Public Information. The administration building also saw improvements on the outside as a new and expanded sidewalk was constructed along with seven brick planters.

J.C. Redd Drive, which leads to Wolf Hollow Golf Course and The Thames Center, was totally reconstructed with new drainage, curbing and asphalt. In addition, the parking area for Wolf Hollow Golf Course was expanded and paved through a water and soil conservation grant.

To accommodate the Vocational-Technical Division's new Pulp, Paper, and Chemical Technology Program and increased enrollment in the Business and Office Technology Program, the second floor of the Fortenberry Building was renovated. A new computer lab and a classroom and lab were added.

A new concession stand and bathroom facilities were added to the softball and soccer fields.

Natchez Campus

The Joey Paul Walking Trail was dedicated in memory of Dr. Paul, an instructor who died in 1998. The one-half mile trail winds through a scenic area on campus. Also, renovations began on the Academic Center Activity Room.

Renovation was completed in the Electronics Department, adding another classroom/lab. This expansion provided the opportunity to meet the educational needs of the increased enrollment in this department.

Simpson County Facility

At the Simpson County Facility in Magee, the interior portion of the building was upgraded for better acoustics and efficiency.

Looking Toward the Future

Projects for the future include:

- Men's Housing units for 64 occupants
- Academic Classroom and Technology building to include faculty offices
- HealthPlex to include Student Health Center, Aerobics Facility, Fitness Room, Athletic Weight Room and other related spaces

Work was done in front of the Ewing Administration Building.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at the Billy B. Thames Conference in February 2000.

Students work on the newly dedicated Joey Paul Walking Trail on the Natchez campus.

Institutional Planning & Research

The entire college has spent the past year involved in all phases of institutional planning. Along with the Annual Master Plan that each division and department routinely develops and measures, steps were taken to develop the 2000 Strategic/Long Range Plan for Co-Lin. Results of these broad-based efforts are presented below.

Timeline for 1999-2000 Strategic/Long Range Planning

September 9, 1999
Meeting of Institutional Effectiveness Committee to outline process for broad-based input for long range planning

October 12, 1999
Vision Week (brainstorming) was set for November 8-12, 1999. Examples of plans were reviewed

October 28,1999
Meeting of President's Cabinet to explain planning concept

November 8-12, 1999
Vision Week (college-wide brainstorming sessions)

November 22, 1999
Meeting of Institutional Effectiveness Committee to view the Preliminary Report of Vision Week Input

December 1999
Preliminary Reports were disseminated college-wide

January 5, 2000
Administration designated committees for addressing each item in the Preliminary Report

January 6, 2000
Meeting of Institutional Effectiveness Committee to assign sections to designated committees

January 12, 2000
Meeting of President's Cabinet to discuss next steps of the process

February-March 2000
Committee meetings

May 18, 2000
President's Cabinet meeting to begin Strategic/Long Range Planning Distribution of Vision Week Committee Responses

June 13, 2000
Board of Trustees/Administration meeting to review planning status

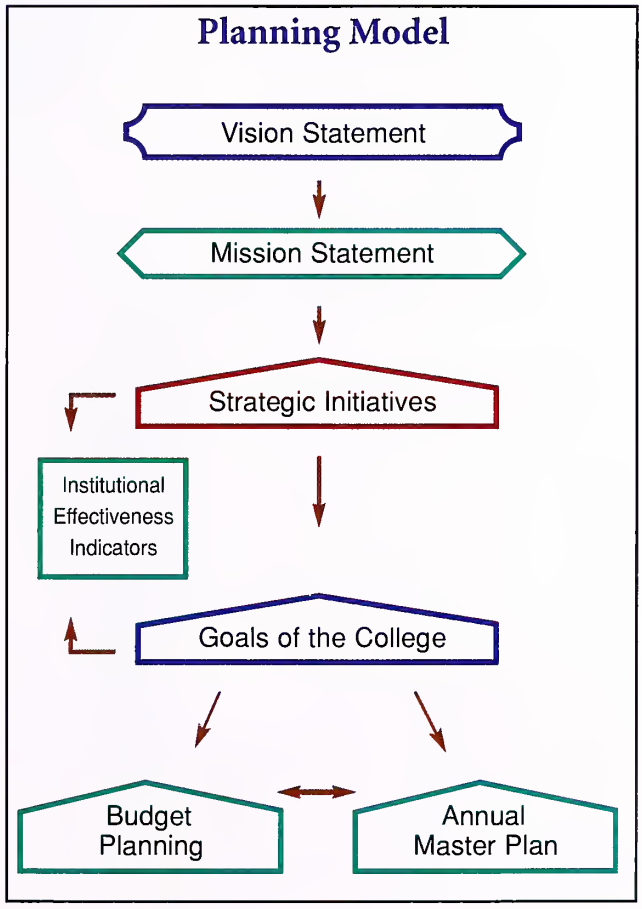
June 15, 2000
Meeting of administration to develop draft of 2000 Strategic/Long Range Plan

August 3, 2000
Presentation of plan to Board of Trustees

The President's Cabinet Planning Retreat was held at The Thames Center.

President's Cabinet Planning Retreat Activities

SWOT Analysis
Create Vision Statement
Review Mission
Review Goals
Create Strategic Initiatives
Create Indicators/Outcomes
Determine Building Priorities



Technology

Information technology will continue to play a vital role in the day to day operations of Co-Lin in the twenty-first century. Expansion of the Technology Department included a physical move to the Fortenberry Building. The year also saw the retirement of Maurice Cammack, director of technology. Under his leadership, Co-Lin experienced a revolution in technological services.

A new NS 8200 email server was installed to the Wesson Campus to host Novell GroupWise. Co-Lin also expanded the Internet dialup services to students and began offering web-based email to faculty and staff via GroupWise WebAccess.

A new computer lab was added in the Fortenberry Building. Co-Lin partnered with Cisco Systems, Inc., the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, to become the site of a local Cisco Networking Academy.

Additional switch capacity was added on both campuses to provide connection to additional personal computers.

The Co-Lin web page was expanded to include links to web-based email, Virtual Community College courses, and links for other college information. Additional on-line courses were offered and preparation has begun to set up a server using Blackboard software for all faculty.

On the Natchez Campus, the Joey Paul Computer Lab was established. The lab was named after the late Dr. Paul, a Co-Lin instructor who died in 1998. A new Dell 2300 server was added to host GroupWise Post Office and the Router/Firewall was upgraded to provide additional growth and security features.

As preparations are made for the new academic year, services to students will expand to include email accounts for all students and local dialup access. Also, students will be given personal web space and file storage capabilities.

The Thames Center

The phrase "state-of-the-art" is often overused and misapplied, but not when used to describe the technology featured in the Thames Center. The Technology Department established fiber links to The Thames Center and installed the computer-training lab.

A gift from Fred and Jewett Taylor allowed Co-Lin to invest in the very best hardware and software available at the time.

Roy Winkworth and John Henley view the technology in the Wesson Room during a Board visit to the Thames Center.

The Thames Center technology features include:

- A 25-unit computer lab that features desktop video conferencing, integrated cable TV and video editing capabilities.
- The latest software is available to meet the training needs of business and industry.
- An advanced wireless sound system that can meet the audio needs of a small one-room conference or the entire Wolf Hall. Wolf Hall can be subdivided into three independently controlled units. A wireless remote system can adjust sound, lighting, and video in any or all of the rooms.
- Also featured in Wolf Hall is a recessed video projection system and Internet access for all sections of the main conference room.

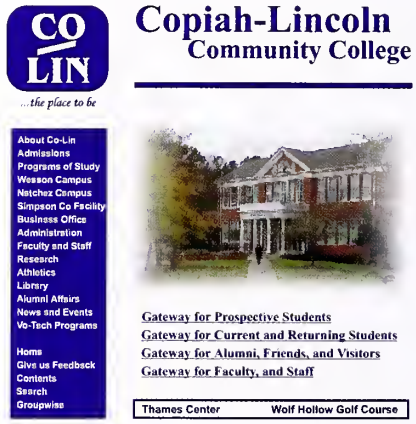
Virtual Community College

Technology in the new millennium is bringing a new age of education. On-line courses are popular with traditional college students as well as non-traditional students.

The Mississippi Virtual Community College offered approximately 50 on-line courses and served approximately 2,000 students in 1999-2000 academic year. In the fall of 2000, MVCC will increase the number of courses offered to approximately 190.

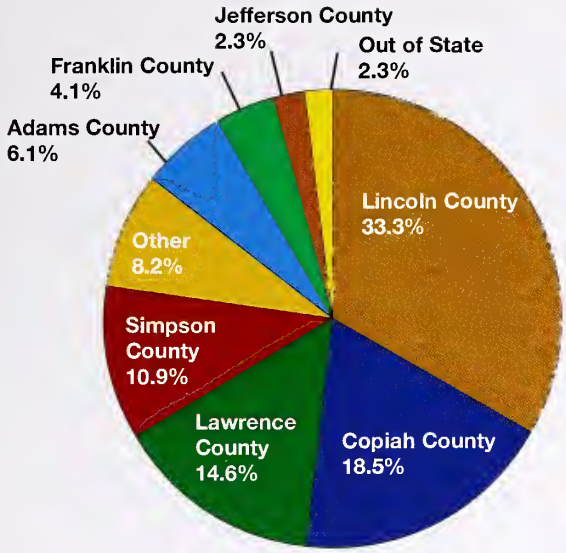
Last fall, Co-Lin offered six for-credit on-line courses and will add two courses in Business and Office Technology, English Composition I and II, Spanish Conversation I, College Algebra, Humanities, and Music Appreciation in the Fall of 2000.

Co-Lin is committed to making technological improvements to better serve the students, faculty and staff in the new millennium.



Co-Lin's redesigned Home Page at www.colin.cc.ms.us

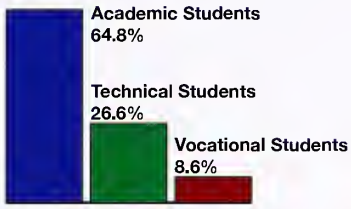
Enrollment and Finances

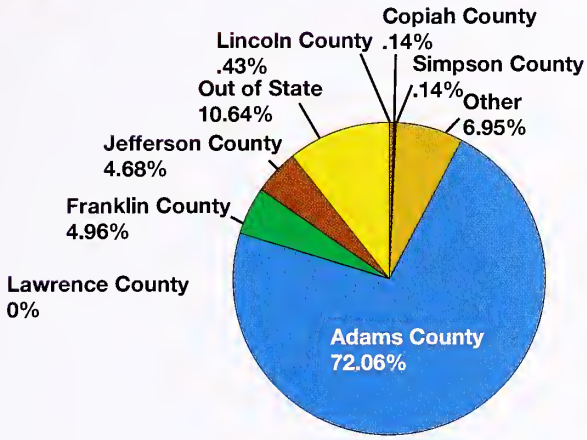


Wesson Campus

Total Enrollment

Fall 1999 1,790
Fall 1998 1,712
Spring 2000 1,720
Spring 1999 1,595

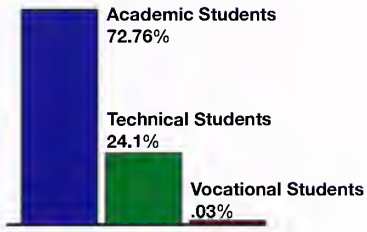


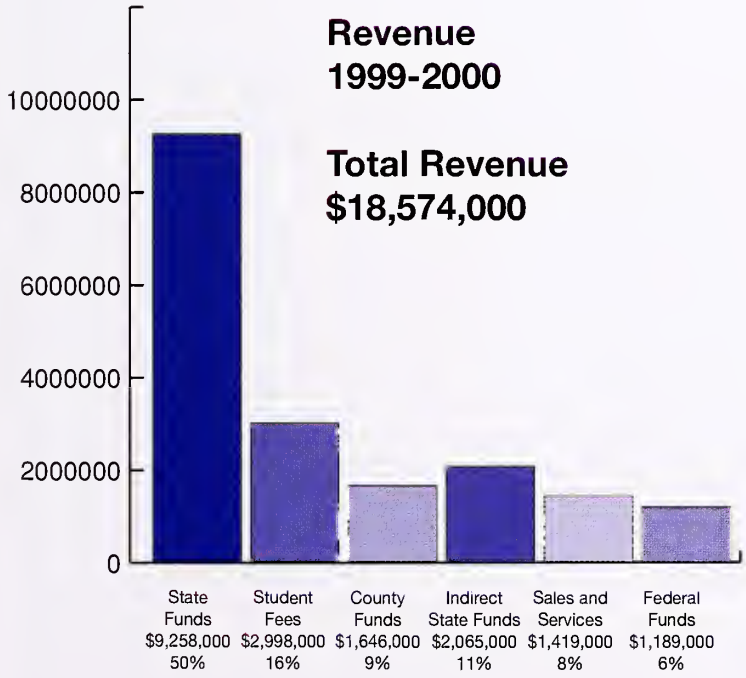


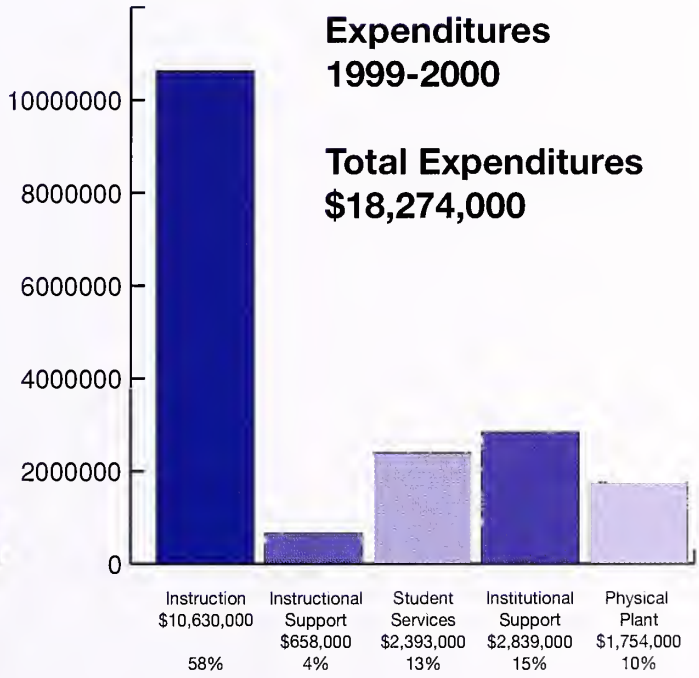
Natchez Campus

Total Enrollment

Fall 1999 705
Fall 1998 724
Spring 2000 759
Spring 1999 669







Personnel

The 1999-2000 academic year brought several personnel changes as faculty and staff moved on to retirement and others to new opportunities.

Among the newcomers to the Wesson campus were **Ashley Bonds**, English instructor; Casey **Hardison-Pevey**, English instructor; **Libby White**, pulp, paper and chemical technology instructor; **Joanna Posey**, secretary to the director of public information; **Natalie Davis**, director of public information; **Skye Smith**, secretary to the dean of the college; **Susann Altman**, secretary to the director of the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Affairs; **Deemie Letchworth**, secretary, counseling center; **Janice Fortenberry**, biological science instructor; **Kevin McKone**, physics instructor; and **Briley Smith**, technology support.

Other newcomers include **Mary Hartman**, Associate Degree Nursing instructor; **Shaw Furlow**, director of bands/music instructor; **Leslie Smith**, secretary to student services/financial aid assistant; **Alvin Starkey**, campus police officer; **Robin Sroufe**, cosmetology instructor; **Sharon Speights**, Colette director/lab manager; **Stacy Dixon**, Associate Degree Nursing instructor; and **Brenda Sims**, bookstore assistant/lab manager.

Those making changes were **Brenda Parrett**, administrative assistant to the dean of the college to administrative assistant to the president; **J.P. McInnis**, technology support specialist to director of technology; **Marilyn Brown**, administrative assistant to the president to the director of The Thames Center; **Chuck Holloway**, Wolf Hollow Golf Assistant Professional to Golf Professional; **Farran Smith**, motor pool technician to diesel equipment technology instructor; and **Tony Laiche**, golf course maintenance to motor pool technician.

Among the newcomers to the Natchez campus were **Lolita Toles Kendall**, student support service advisor; **Selton Bourdin**, electronics/instrumentation instructor; **Cynthia Barfield**, mathematics/computer science instructor; **Jan Pickle**, English instructor; **Judith Heard**, special populations coordinator; and **Walt Wilson**, respiratory care technology instructor.

Those making changes were **Gwen McCalip** from counselor to director of admissions and **Dwayne Dunn**, technology support specialist, who transferred to the Wesson Campus.

New at the Simpson County facility was **Melissa Stewart**, LPN instructor.

Retirees

Retiring from the Wesson Campus with a combined 195 years of service to Co-Lin were **Dena Thompson**, assistant bookstore manager, 13 years; **Edna Earle Crews**, English instructor, 34 years; **Nancy Dykes**, English instructor, 35 years; **Dr. Jerry Dykes**, mathematics instructor, 30 years; **Jim Rabalais**, heavy equipment operator instructor, 9 years; **Maudell Weeks**, associate director of alumni affairs, 21 years; **Barbara Webb**, Upward Bound director, 20 years; **Melnee Frazier**, program coordinator of the business and office technology program, 20 years; and **Maurice Cammack**, director of technology, 13 years.

Retiring from the Natchez Campus was **Sandra L. Gibson**, Director of Admissions and Records, with 21 years of service.

High Performance Award Recipients

Winners of the High Performance Award from the Wesson Campus were **Johnny W. Williams**, Computer Science/Mathematics instructor and Assistant Softball Coach; **Danny Harrell**, Social Science Division Chair; **Dr. Roy Daughdrill**, Mathematics Division Chair; **Louis J. Dugas**, Dean of Vocational-Technical Instruction; **Alita Myers**, Business/Computer Science instructor; and **Kathleen Hutchison**, Assistant Librarian.

Recipients from the maintenance division were **Lois Jackson** and **Robert Newton**.

Award winners from Valley Innovative Services were **Tammy Beall** and **Cynthia Keys**.

Receiving High Performance Awards on the Natchez Campus were **Mariea Torrey**, business instructor; **Carolyn Harper**, Financial Aid Officer and Accounts Receivable Manager; **Dr. Robert Smith**, instructor; and **Dwayne Dunn**, Technology Specialist.

Among retirees honored at the Copiah-Lincoln Educators Association reception were (from left) James Rabalais, Melnee Frazier, Edna Earle Crews, Barbara Webb, Nancy Dykes and Dr. Jerry Dykes. Not pictured were Maudell Weeks and Maurice Cammack.

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